

WOMEN IN THE WORK FORCE

The current labor force is about 90 million people. Of this, 40% are women.

Of all the people who have entered the labor force in the last 10 years, 60% are women.

There are 64 million children under 18. Forty per cent of them have working mothers.

There are 6 million children in this country under 6. One-third of these have working mothers.

Forty-three per cent of all working age females are in the labor force.

Re the birth rate: During the past 20 years the birth rate has declined 30%. The birth rate was once 4.3 million. In 1973 it was 3.1 million. The trend is still down and in 1974, it will be about 3.0 million. The above occurred at a time when there has been a 29% increase in the number of women of child-bearing age (15-44).

Opinion Polls: In 1946, 18% of the women polled approved of females working. In 1973, 65% of the women polled felt that it was normal for women to work. In 1973, of that 65%, among the women under 30, 83% approved of women working. Of all the female working population, one-half report they prefer not to work at all or at least not more than part time.